

Fact Sheet: 2009 Filing Season Tax Trivia

- ❑ The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) was established in 1929 to administer the new Bank and Corporation Franchise Tax Act.
- ❑ The first year California taxpayers had to file a state tax return was 1935.
- ❑ FTB annually receives more than 16 million tax returns.
- ❑ Last year, 10.5 million California returns (66 percent) were filed electronically.
- ❑ Last year 10.7 million Californians received refunds averaging \$850.
- ❑ California taxpayers contribute \$50 billion toward the state's general fund.
- ❑ The most common tax return errors include:
 - Estimate tax payment discrepancies.
 - Calculating the number of exemptions incorrectly.
 - Picking up the incorrect amount of tax from the tax tables.
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